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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 30, 2000

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC000152

For Exemption from Physical Collocation at its Lewinsville and Sterling Park central offices

PRELIMINARY ORDER

On May 30, 2000, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA"), filed with the Commission a request for exemption from the requirement to provide physical collocation in its Lewinsville and Sterling Park central offices. In its requests, BA-VA states that the information provided to support each request fulfills the requirements set out in the Commission's rules governing physical collocation exemptions, 20 VAC 5-400-200.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered these requests, is of the opinion and finds that interested parties should have the opportunity to file comments on BA-VA's requests and that the Commission's Staff should investigate the requests for exemption and file a report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) On or before July 24, 2000, interested parties may file comments in response to BA-VA's exemption requests for its Lewinsville and Sterling Park central offices.

- (2) The Commission Staff shall investigate BA-VA's exemption requests and file a report on or before August 8, 2000.
- (3) BA-VA shall respond to interrogatories and data requests within ten (10) days of service. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.